



REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND TAX CREDIT FOR HOMEOWNERS CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

The real property tax exemptions and tax credit are types of tax relief that can reduce a homeowner's tax bill if certain criteria are met. The real property tax is calculated based on the following factors:

Property Value – Exemption (if applicable) = Net Taxable Value

Net Taxable Value x Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of value) = Tax

Tax – Tax Credit (for qualified homeowners) = Tax Billing

Exemptions

An exemption is an amount deducted from a property's value to arrive at the net taxable value. The real property tax is calculated by multiplying the net taxable value by the tax rate.

To apply for an exemption, you must file with the Real Property Assessment Division, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services. If you qualify for an exemption, it will appear on the Real Property Assessment Notice that is mailed to you on December 15th. The Real Property Assessment Notice is not a tax bill, but a notification that shows the new assessment for the coming tax year. The exemption will also be included in the tax calculation and tax bill mailed to you on July 20th.

Most exemptions require a one-time filing, except for the In Lieu Of Home Exemption For Homeowners Age 75 And Older Whose Household Qualifies As Low-Income, which requires filing every 5 years.

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Tax Credit

The tax credit can also reduce the real property tax for a homeowner. It is equal to the amount by which the real property tax exceeds a percentage of income, subject to income limits and other requirements. To apply for the tax credit, you must file annually with Treasury Division, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services. For qualified applicants, the tax credit will be applied to the amount due on the tax bill that is mailed to you on July 20th.

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Home Exemption

Purpose: Exemption for real property owned and occupied as the owner's principal home.

When To File: On or before September 30th preceding the tax year. For example, if you file for the exemption on or before September 30, 2006, it will apply to the tax year that begins July 1, 2007, and ends on June 30, 2008. The exemption for qualified applicants will appear on the Real Property Assessment Notice mailed to you on December 15, 2006, and will also be included in the tax calculation and tax bill mailed to you on July 20, 2007.

You apply for this exemption once. If there is a change in status that affects the exemption, you must notify the Real Property Assessment Division within 30 days.

What To File:

- Form BFS-RP-P-3
- To receive the home exemption, include a photocopy of your proof of age such as a driver's license, state identification, birth certificate, or other government or legal document.
- The form is available at the Real Property Assessment Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.gov/rpa/form.htm. You can also request the form by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Exemption Amounts For Tax Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007: To qualify for the multiple home exemption you must be 55 years or older on or before June 30th preceding the tax year for which the exemption is claimed.

Under Age 55 (basic home exemption)	\$40,000
Age 55 to 59 (multiple home exemption)	\$60,000
Age 60 to 64 (multiple home exemption)	\$80,000
Age 65 to 69 (multiple home exemption)	\$100,000
Age 70 and over (multiple home exemption)	\$120,000

New Exemption Amounts For Tax Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008: To qualify for the \$120,000 home exemption you must be 65 years or older on or before June 30th preceding the tax year for which the exemption is claimed.

Under Age 64	\$80,000
Age 65 and over	\$120,000

Where To File:

Real Property Assessment Division	Real Property Assessment Division
842 Bethel Street, Basement	1000 Uluohia Street, #206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813	Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Telephone: 527-5510 or 527-5539	Telephone: 692-5541

If you mail the form and supporting documentation to the Real Property Assessment Division, it must be postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than September 30th.

In Lieu Of Home Exemption For Homeowners Age 75 Years And Older Whose Household Qualifies As Low-Income

Purpose: Exemption for real property owned and occupied as the owner's principal home whereby the owner is age 75 years or older and the total household income qualifies as low-income.

When To File: On or before September 30th preceding the tax year. For example, if you file for the exemption on or before September 30, 2006, it will apply to the tax year that begins July 1, 2007, and ends on June 30, 2008. The exemption amount for qualified applicants will appear on the Real Property Assessment Notice that will be mailed on December 15, 2006, and will also be included in the tax calculation and tax bill mailed to you on July 20, 2007.

To receive this exemption you must file every 5 years, which is based on the age categories shown below.

- What To File:**
- Form BFS-RP-P-4, Claim For Exemption; if you currently do not have a home exemption, you must also file Form BFS-RP-P-3 (Home Exemption).
 - Copy of Federal or State income tax return; if none was filed, then complete Form BFS-RP-P-4A, Household Income Declaration.
 - Form BFS-RP-P-4B, Permission To Release Information
 - Copy of Federal Form SSA-1099, Social Security Benefit Statement, which shows the total Social Security benefits paid to you last year.
 - The forms and instructions are available at the Real Property Assessment Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.gov/rpa/form.htm. You can also request the forms by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Exemption Amount: The exemption amount is deducted from the property's value. To qualify for this exemption, you must be 75 years or older on or before June 30th preceding the tax year for which the exemption is claimed and the household income does not exceed the low-income limits established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Age 75 to 79	\$140,000
Age 80 to 84	\$160,000
Age 85 to 89	\$180,000
Age 90 and over	\$200,000

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Blind, Deaf, Or Totally Disabled Exemption

Purpose: Exemption for real property owned by a person who is blind, deaf, or totally disabled. This exemption can be applied to real property that is already receiving a home exemption or other real property that is owned by the claimant.

When To File: On or before September 30th preceding the tax year. For example, if you file for the exemption on or before September 30, 2006, it will apply to the tax year that begins July 1, 2007, and ends on June 30, 2008. The exemption for qualified applicants will appear on the Real Property Assessment Notice mailed to you on December 15, 2006, and will also be included in the tax calculation and tax bill mailed to you on July 20, 2007.

You apply for this exemption once. If there is a change in status that affects the exemption, you must notify the Real Property Assessment Division within 30 days.

What To File:

- Form BFS-RP-P-6
- Certified physician's report (Form N-172 or N-857)
- The forms and instructions are available at the Real Property Assessment Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.gov/rpa/form.htm. You can also request the forms by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Exemption Amount: The maximum amount of this exemption is \$25,000 of the taxable value.

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Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) Exemption

Purpose: Exemption for real property owned by a person who has been declared by authority of law to be a person affected by leprosy and is confined due to this illness. If you are on a temporary release status, the exemption will remain in effect during this period. This exemption can be applied to real property that is already receiving a home exemption or other real property that is owned by the claimant.

When To File: On or before September 30th preceding the tax year. For example, if you file for the exemption on or before September 30, 2006, it will apply to the tax year that begins July 1, 2007, and ends on June 30, 2008. The exemption for qualified applicants will appear on the Real Property Assessment Notice mailed to you on December 15, 2006, and will also be included in the tax calculation and tax bill mailed to you on July 20, 2007.

You apply for this exemption once. If there is a change in status that affects the exemption, you must notify the Real Property Assessment Division within 30 days.

What To File

- Form BFS-RP-P-6
- The form and instructions are available at the Real Property Assessment Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.gov/rpa/form.htm. You can also request the form by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Exemption Amount: The maximum amount of this exemption is \$25,000 of the taxable value.

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Totally Disabled Veterans Exemption

Purpose: Exemption for real property owned and occupied by a veteran who is totally disabled due to injuries received while on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces and includes widows or widowers of a totally disabled veteran who remains unmarried and continues to own and occupy the home.

When To File: There is no annual filing deadline and the exemption will take effect beginning with the next tax payment date provided the claim for exemption is filed on or before June 30th for the first tax payment or December 31st for the second tax payment.

You apply for this exemption once. If there is a change in status that affects the exemption, you must notify the Real Property Assessment Division within 30 days.

What To File:

- Form BFS-RP-P-6B
- The form and instructions are available at the Real Property Assessment Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.gov/rpa/form.htm. You can also request the form by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Exemption Amount: The real property will be fully exempt, subject to the minimum real property tax of \$100.

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Real Property Tax Credit For Homeowners

Purpose: Tax credit for an owner who has qualified for a home exemption, regardless of age, and who meets the requirements under the ordinance. If you have qualified for an exemption, you can also apply for the tax credit and a determination will be made regarding your eligibility.

When To File: On or before September 30th preceding the tax year. To receive the tax credit each year you must file annually.

What To File: The instructions and Form T-RPT100 are available at the Treasury Division and on the Internet at www.honolulu.hi.us/budget/treasury_division.htm.

Tax Credit Amount: The tax credit is equal to the amount by which the taxes owed for the tax year immediately succeeding the date of the application for the tax credit exceeds 4% of the title holders' combined income for the calendar year immediately preceding the date of the application. The title holders' combined income shall not exceed \$50,000. Neither you nor any title holder of the property can own real property elsewhere.

Where To File: Current Collections Section
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
Division of Treasury
530 South King Street, Room 115
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 523-4856